just said that out 26 hotels that are running, 16 are in proft. We are making efforts. As figures will show, we are taking steps on both sides. We are trying to increase the turnover and we are also trying to cut costs. In 1993, we had profit of Rs. 18 crores. In 1994-95, we are hoping that it will be over Rs. 30 crores. So, it is not correct to say that we are running in losses. We are trying our best. There are hotels which are incurring losses and we are improving them to earn profit.

श्री महेश्वर सिंह: मैं जानना चाहता था कि क्या कुल्लु मनाली में चल रहे होटल भी घाटे में हैं?

SMT. SUKHBANS KAUR: That is not running in losses.

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू: सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि विदेशी चेनों के साथ कोई तालमेल कर रहे हैं या नहीं कर रहे हैं?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Qestion Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Energy Mangagment Consultation and Training

*485. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation has taken up a project on Energy Management Consultation and Training (EMCAT):

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) in what manner this project is proposed to be funded; and

(d) whether any cost benefit analysis of this project has been made?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Project EMCAT has two components. One is Electric Supply Component being executed through Power Finance Corporation and the other, Demand Side component which is being executed through Industrial Development Bank of India. The first of the two aims at improving the technological and managerial capabilities of personnel in power utilities. USAID has allocated $16 million as grant which would cover 75% of the Project cost. As per the Project Grant Agreement, the balance 25% is to be met by the beneficiaries.

(d) No, Sir. The focus of the programme being on development of human skills and its potential benefits being spread over a long period, the project is not easily amenable to a cost-benefit analysis.

Promotion to SC/ST officers in Air India

*486. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any promotions were carried out, in the Commercial Department of Air India for the year 1993 in Officers category in all the cadres and against how many existing vacancies; and

(b) the number of SC/ST officers promoted?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Vacancies position in the Commercial Department of Air India in 1993, was as under:—

Level	No. of Vacancies
Dy. Commercial Director	Two
Station Manager	Sixteen

Out of the above, ten vacancies at the Station Managers level were filled in 1993 by promotion. Among the officers promoted, there was one SC Officer.

World Bank Loan to Power Grid

*487. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has extended a new loan to power grid;

(b) if so, what is the amout, terms and purpose of the loan;

(c) what is the total World Bank loan commitment to the power grid; and

(d) whether the World Bank is satisfied with the performance of power grid?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) and (b) No new loan has been granted by the World Bank to Powergrid recently. However, the World Bank last extended a loan of US $350 million to POWERGRID in March, 1993 for the POWERGRID System Development Project (PSDP). The broad terms of the loan are as follows:—

(i) the closing date of the loan shall be 30.6.2000.

(ii) The commitment fee shall be at the rate of 0.75% per annum on the principle amount of the loan not withdrawn from time to time.

(iii) The repayment period is 20 years including a grace period of 5 years.

(iv) The receivables of POWERGRID shall not exceed an amount equivalent to preceding two month's billing for transmission charges.

(v) Bank's standard variable rate of interest will be applicable.

The purpose of the loan is:—

(i) to establish system coordination and control cetnres in Southern, Eastern, Western and North-Eastern Regions;

(ii) Construction of Vindhyachal-Dhule Transmission Line, Ramagundam-Hyderabad Transmission Line, completion of Transmission Lines and substations under Central Power Transmission Project-I, Rihand Power Transmission Project and installation of tariff meters required to monitor and record power flows.

(iii) Technical assistance for 'POWERGRID's Institutional Development's 'Long Term Transmission System Planning' and 'Studies on Bulk Power Transmission Tariffs and Regulations'.

(c) The total commitment of World Bank Loans to POWERGRID is of the order of US $1.6 billion.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Proposal to set up airports of International standard

*488. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up more airports of international standard in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plans exist to convert the existing airports to the level of international one; and

(d) if so, the allocations made for the same for the year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government of India has given its "No Objection" for construction of airports of international standards at Bangalore in Karnataka with the help of private parties and at Cochin in Kerala with the funds to be mobilised from the public including non-resident Indians. The respective State Governments are to firm up the cost of the project and